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REPORT
OF
THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF
THE CHAMPLAIN SOCIETY
HELD IN
THE GRANGE
ART GALLERY OF ONTARIO
TORONTO

On Friday, May 9th, 1975 at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon

Officers: President, Dr. John Warkentin; Honorary Vice-President, Miss Julia Jarvis; Vice-President, Dr. Morris Zaslow; General Editor, Dr. J.K. Johnson; Ontario Editor, Professor Wm. G. Ormsby; Secretary, Peter S. Osler, Q.C.; Treasurer, John K. Armour and Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Eleanor Cook.

Members of Council: Dr. Elizabeth Arthur; George W. Brigden, Q.C.; Col. C.P. Stacey; Dr. John Gray; Donald F. McOuat; Professor Sydney F. Wise.

Members: Forty-one members of the Society attended the meeting and their names are on record in the Society's office.

Regrets were received from Dr. W.K. Lamb, the Honorary President of the Society; Dr. Margaret Beaton; Mrs. Barbara J. Berg; F.C. Moriarty; The Honourable John Yaremko, Q.C.; David S. Mills; Herbert Krause; The Honourable Mr. Justice Peter Wright; Dr. Laurier L. LaPierre; and M.G. Hurtig.

The President, Dr. John Warkentin, was in the Chair and the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Eleanor Cook acted as Secretary to the meeting.

The President welcomed all members of the Society to the meeting, and introduced to them the officers of the Society and the members of Council who were present.

EDITORIAL REPORTS

General Series:

Dr. J. Keith Johnson, the General Editor, presented the following report: —

No new publishing projects have been initiated since last year. The immediate publishing programme involves the soonest possible appearance of the Lafitau volumes followed immediately by the last volume of Simeon Perkins. A number of other projects are nearing completion. Dr. Morris Zaslow has nearly finished the Duncan manuscript. Professor John Saywell advises that the Minto volumes, edited by himself and Professor Stevens, should be close to completion by the end of summer, 1975. By latest reports, the volume on the Glasgow Colonial Society is about a year and a half from completion. A long range possibility is the manuscript by Dr. Barry Gough on the explorer Alexander Henry the Younger.

The Society might be well advised to consider once more the question of printers. MacLehose now indicates that volume I of Lafitau will not be ready until the end of the summer. That seems an unnecessarily long production schedule, nearing two years from receipt of manuscript to publication of the book. Quite apart from the leisurely pace of production (a minimum six months from their receipt of corrected page proofs to publication), the problems of dealing with an overseas printer in these times are considerable. For example, the printer despatched the page proofs by sea mail. It took three months for the first batch to arrive. One batch of 140 pages never did arrive, disappearing without a trace into the bog of the postal system. That mishap cost over two months delay. By the time it became clear the proofs were lost consultation by cable and telephone took place, and new proofs arrived by airmail. MacLehose is also prey to the difficulties typical of the day. Considerable turnover in their senior staff has meant dealing with a whole series of production people, ones not always very knowledgeable about the project.

The arguments on behalf of the present arrangement have been cost and quality. The cost factor is probably a diminishing advantage as British prices escalate. Certainly, however, MacLehose continues to produce a high quality of workmanship; the proofs were exceptionally clean, the proofs of illustrations of very good quality. Whether these advantages are outweighed by the slowness of production and the possibilities for error built into transatlantic communication is the question. At the very least, it would be prudent to obtain quotes from Canadian printers.

Dr. Michael S. Cross, the retired general editor wishes to thank the Society and especially Presidents Morton and Warkentin, for their patience with the slow progress of Lafitau and hopes that the finished product will be worth the wait.

A question arose out of the Editorial Report of the General Editor.

Q. Why did the Society continue to have Robert MacLehose & Co. Ltd. print the volumes in light of the difficulties that the Society has with that firm as indicated in the General Editors report?

A. Dr. Johnson reported that Council at its meeting earlier that afternoon had questioned the continued use of MacLehose. The original reason for selecting MacLehose was that the quality of printing was excellent and that the price was more competitive than in Ontario, thus partly

compensating for the problems arising out of communicating over a long distance. There have been special difficulties recently due to the use of surface mails by MacLehose. Council at its meeting had asked Dr. Zaslow to visit MacLehose while he is in the British Isles this summer and try to ascertain if some of the problems can be resolved. Once these facts are available Council will re-consider the choice of printer.

Ontario Series:

Professor Wm. Ormsby, the Ontario Editor, presented the following report: —

Publication of the tenth volume in the series, Ontario and the Great War, was delayed when it was found necessary to require a revision of the manuscript, but Miss Barbara Wilson is now well along with this second draft and I hope it will be ready for editing before long. Alan Douglas has submitted a manuscript of the document section of his volume on Colonel John Prince and I have completed the preliminary editorial work on it. Mr. Douglas is now working on his introduction. Work is also progressing on the City of London volume by Daniel J. Brock and the French Regime volume by Professor Cornelius Jaenen.

The Government of Ontario has agreed to support the Series with an annual grant of \$2,500.00 and also to pay the cost of publishing volumes in the Series, up to the amount of \$35,000.00 per volume.

A question was also directed to Professor Ormsby.

Q. Why is it that when a volume in the Ontario Series, Town of York, edited by Miss Edith Firth was remaindered by the University of Toronto Press did it then appear later in a new edition?

A. Dr. Ormsby said that he was aware that this had happened, but that in the agreement between the Society, the Ontario Government, and The University of Toronto Press the Press had the authority to do this. He pointed out that in essence, the Society publishes the Ontario Series for the Ontario Government, in consideration for which the actual costs of the Society's publication are paid, and our members receive a copy of the Ontario Series volumes, but the Society has no other control or rights to these volumes.

The Director of the University of Toronto Press, Ian Montagnes, who was at the meeting explained that Town of York has appeared in a new edition simply to keep it in circulation. The new edition of which this volume is just one, is a facsimile printing done on a small press which enables the publisher to do a short run. The binding is also different — it is a hand binding done right in the plant. The new series is considerably more expensive than the original volume, but, never the less this practice is being followed in order to keep certain volumes available to scholars.

LIBRARY EDITIONS

Beginning with Volume XL, The Champlain Society has printed extra copies of each volume in a Library Edition which is identical with the regular series except that the Society crest has been omitted from the spine. These extra copies were printed for the purpose of meeting the wishes expressed by libraries and other institutions for extra copies of particular volumes and to replace worn out or lost volumes. The price of these Library Edition volumes is \$15.00 per copy, postage prepaid.

The following volumes are available in the Library Edition:

- XL Glover: David Thompson's Narrative, 1784-1812
- XLI Upton: Diary of Chief Justice William Smith, vol. 1
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- XLIII Fergusson: Diary of Simeon Perkins, 1776-1803
- XLIV Spry: Papers of the Palliser Expedition, 1857-1860
- XLV Lamb: Journal of Gabriel Franchère
- XLVI Klinck and Talman: The Journal of Major John Norton, 1816
- XLVII Morton and Roy: Telegrams of The North-West Campaign, 1885

Extra copies of the great map of British North America, 1865, prepared to accompany the Papers of the Palliser Expedition, are also available, unfolded, suitable for mounting or framing, at a price of \$4.00 per copy postage prepaid.

Orders for the foregoing items should be addressed to:

Mrs. Eleanor Cook,
Executive Secretary-Treasurer,
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The Royal York Hotel,
100 Front Street West,
Toronto, Ontario, M5J 1E3
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Treasurer's Report:

The Honorary Treasurer, Mr. J.K. Armour presented the following financial statement which had been audited by J. Ramsey Fraser, Chartered Accountant.

The Champlain Society

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974

(With Comparative Figures for the Year Ended December 31, 1973)

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>
<u>General Series</u>		
<u>Receipts</u>		
Members' Fees	\$13,005	\$17,431
Royalties	1,660	3,873
Library editions, Permission fees, Maps	1,730	2,415
Bank Interest	497	367
	<u>16,892</u>	<u>24,086</u>
<u>Disbursements</u>		
Rent and Secretarial assistance	2,088	3,024
Printing of Volume 47	—	13,526
General expenses, including editors' honoraria and out-of-pocket expense	4,469	4,284
	<u>6,557</u>	<u>20,834</u>
Excess receipts over disbursements	10,335	3,252
Add cash and investment at beginning of year	33,863	30,611
Cash and investment at end of year	<u>\$44,198</u>	<u>\$33,863</u>

Ontario Series

Receipts

Grant from Ontario Government, Ministry of Colleges and Universities	\$ 2,000	\$16,000
Bank Interest	332	366
	<u>2,332</u>	<u>16,366</u>

Disbursements

Rent and Secretarial assistance	1,000	—
Printing of Volume 9	—	20,334
Editors' honoraria	1,000	1,400
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>21,734</u>
Excess receipts over disbursements	332	(5,368)
Add cash at beginning of year	16,204	21,572
Cash at end of year	<u>\$16,536</u>	<u>\$16,204</u>

On motion by Mr. Armour, seconded by Miss Julia Jarvis and carried, the financial statement was approved.

On motion by Mr. Armour, seconded by Mr. R. Murray Bell and carried, Mr. J. Ramsey Fraser was appointed auditor for the ensuing year.

Membership Report:

The Honorary Secretary, Mr. P.S. Osler, reported that there are now 1,000 members of the Society although there are still 75 membership fees for 1974 outstanding.

On motion by Mr. P.S. Osler, seconded by Dr. John Gray and carried, it was resolved that the number of members of the Society that are authorized be increased from 1,000 to 1,250. The reason for increasing the number of authorized memberships in the Society is to accomodate potential members interested in the publications of the Society, and increase revenues at a time when costs are going up.

Election of Council:

Dr. Morris Zaslow presented the report of the Nominating Committee. On motion duly seconded it was resolved that:

Mr. John K. Armour
Mr. Peter S. Osler, Q.C.
Dr. T.H.B. Symons

be re-elected to Council for a three year term to end in 1978; and that

Miss Edith G. Firth
Professor Barry Gough
Mr. Mel Hurtig

be elected to Council for a three year term to end in 1978.

Council members to retire in 1976:

Dr. Marcel Trudel
Dr. John Warkentin
Dr. George A. Rawlyk
Dr. Elizabeth Arthur
Dr. Morris Zaslow
Professor S.F. Wise
Dr. L.F.S. Upton

Council members to retire in 1977:

Dr. W.L. Morton
Mr. R. Murray Bell, Q.C.
Colonel C.P. Stacey
Dr. Laurier L. LaPierre
Dr. Fred H. Armstrong
Mr. John A. Bovey
Mr. George Brigden, Q.C.
Mr. D.F. McQuat

Dr. W.K. Lamb – Honorary President

Colonel C.P. Stacey informed the meeting that Dr. Lamb had been seriously ill and suggested that the members present would want to express their concern and good wishes. The President said that he would write Dr. Lamb, and convey the members' warmest wishes for his full recovery and continued good health.

OTHER BUSINESS:

For the benefit of those members unable to attend the Annual Meeting a resumé of the address of our guest of honour, Dr. J. Keith Johnson, follows: —

“Memories of Sir John A. Macdonald”

The experience of what I can almost call living with John A. Macdonald, of reading, several times over, every scrap of paper which he left behind, produced some significant accidental by-products. The total perspective of Macdonald's documentary record, the unselected written residue of his career, gradually brought into focus at least two aspects of his life which seemed to me to have been unduly neglected. One of these was his administrative duties, the other was his career as a business man. The striking fact was largely one of bulk. When Macdonald's letters and memoranda were simply amassed rather than being just picked over, it became clear that he had spent a great deal of his time working, not only at politics, but at one or both of these other activities. Since I have written about Macdonald as an administrator and as a business man elsewhere I don't wish to dwell on these subjects here, but the point which I wish to make is that by taking a total documentary approach, I was forced to make some conclusions that I would not otherwise have made and as a result was able to modify, to some degree, interpretations of Macdonald's career which had been accepted as standard. I think (though one can never be sure) that all my conclusions were reached by letting the documents, all of the documents, speak for themselves. I think that I have learned from my “experiences” with the Macdonald Papers, first, that it is impossible to be too thorough, and second, that historical evidence should be approached without too many preconceived ideas. But by now no doubt I have developed preconceived ideas of my own.

Working for the Government of Canada, and, especially working for the Public Archives of Canada had very real advantages. I had an excellent, hand-picked professional and clerical staff whose work was superb and whose assistance was invaluable. I had knowledgeable, helpful colleagues elsewhere in the Archives from whom I could get advice. I had access to all the excellent technical facilities of a modern archives operation. Even more important, I had unlimited access to the largest archival collection in Canada and one of the best Canadian History libraries in Canada. It is impossible for me to put too much stress on the value of such unlimited access, because it was so often by accident that vital documents, vital pieces of information were brought to light. Without complete freedom of access to the documents the chances of such accidents happening would have been very greatly reduced. To do our work of collecting and editing properly the freedom to browse in the stacks was an indispensable necessity. If I may be permitted to voice a brief cry in the archival wilderness, I firmly believe that much greater freedom of access to archival collections by responsible researchers would be of immeasurable benefit to the historical profession as a whole. I know that this view is not popular among archivists and I know that there are grave problems of security involved, but having worked, as it were, on both sides of the circulation desk, I can tell you that all the indexes, calendars, finding aids and shelf lists in the world cannot substitute for actual access to the documents.

After the termination of the meeting, the Council met briefly and elected Officers and a Publication Committee as set out on the following page.

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